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SUBJECT: AUGUST 10 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA-THAILAND

REUTER (BANGKOK) CITES PRESS REPORTS THERE THAT 16 CAMBODIANS DISGUISED AS THAI VILLAGERS HAVE BEEN SHOT OR BEATEN TO DEATH IN 2 INCIDENTS ON BORDER EAST OF CAPITAL. INCIDENTS, NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED, BRING TO 67 NUMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTED KILLED IN 3 WEEKS OF VIOLENCE NEAR ARANYAPRATHET. REUTER REPORTS NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED PHOTOS OF 7 MEN DESCRIBED AS CAMBODIAN SOLDIER-SPIES CAPTURED WEARING PEASANT CLOTHES AND BEATEN TO DEATH BY ANGRY THAI VILLAGERS MONDAY; INSECOND INCIDENT, THAI BORDER PATROL POLICE/VILLAGE DEFENSE VOLUNTEERS REPORTEDLY SHOT DEAD 9 KR TROOPS ALSO DISGUISED AS THAI VILLAGERS.

2. JAPAN

LEFTWING JAPANESE EXTREMIST GROUP BLAMED BY POLICE FOR 8/9 ATTEMPT SABOTAGE PIPELINE THAT WILL FEED JET FUEL TO TOKYO'S NEW INTL AIRPORT. PLOT FOILED BEFORE ANY DAMAGE DONE (REUTER TOKYO 8/9).

SEVENTEEN ARRESTED 8/9 AS THEY MARKED 32D ANNIVERSARY NAGASAKI BOMBING BY THROWING ANIMAL BLOOD/ASHES ON PENTAGON STEPS, BLOCKING ACCESS TO BLDG (AP, PHINQ).

IN NAGASAKI, WP'S SAAR DOES LENGTHY ITEM ON CITY'S MEMORI-AL SERVICES/ITS REMARKABLE PHYSICAL RECOVERY FROM A-BOMB ATTACK: ALSO SPEAKS W/SOME SURVIVORS.

CSM'S LOECHER DOES FULL-PG ITEM ON NEW BOOK, "ENOLA GAY"; INTERVIEWS AUTHORS THOMAS/WITTS, WHO SAY HIROSHIMA ATTACK "NECESSARY BOMB." CLAIM JAPANESE MIL, "ON BALANCE," DON'T OBJECT TO FACT BOMB DROPPED.

3. KOREA

SEN ETHICS CMTE HOPES FIND COUNSEL/STAFF SOON AS POSSIBLE SO INVESTIGATION INTO SKOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING CAN BEGIN WHEN CONGRESS RETURNS FROM LABOR DAY RECESS (HALLORAN, UNCLASSIFIED

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NYT). SOURCES CLOSE TO DOJ PROBE SAY DOCUMENTS GIVEN SEN CMTE MENTION SOME 30 US SENS TARGETED FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT BY SK/SAID INCLUDE SOME POWERFUL/WELL-KNOWN FIGURES (STUART, CSM).

AT CHICAGO ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON 8/9, HOUSE ETHICS CMTE SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI SAID THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT SKOREAN INFLUENCE-PEDDLING IN CONGRESS SHOULD STOP "ROCKING THE BOAT" W/SPECULATION/LEAKS TO PRESS. SAID SOME REPORTS RE ACCEPTANCE OF FAVORS MAY HAVE BEEN BASED ON "HEARSAY, IDLE AND PERHAPS MALICIOUS SPECULATION" (AP, SUN).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS 8/9, CIA DIRECTOR TURNER SAID US INTELL APPARATUS IN SK NEVER BUGGED/TAPED CONVERSATIONS CONDUCTED BY TOP SK OFFICIALS IN BLUE HOUSE. TURNER DECLINED ANSWER QUESTIONS ON WHETHER US INTELL AGENCIES INTERCEPTED MESSAGES TRANSMITTED TO/FROM SK (RICHARDS, WP).

ROKG HAS EMBARKED ON NEW SOCIAL PROGRAM INTENDED BRING END TO WIDESPREAD OVERSEAS ADOPTION KOREAN ORPHANS.

NUMBER FON ADOPTIONS WILL BE REDUCED GRADUALLY EACH YEAR UNTIL 1981, WHEN WILL CEASE ALTOGETHER; GOVT WILL LAUNCH NEW SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS TO HANDLE COUNTRY'S ORPHANS (MALCOLM, NYT SEOUL).

4. INDONESIA

PERTAMINA TO ANNOUNCE IN JAKARTA THURS THAT SETTLEMENT REACHED W/GENEVA-BASED SHIPOWNER RAPPAPORT. ENDING BITTER

DISPUTE OVER TANKER CHARTERS TOTALING 1.23 BIL DOLS.
DETAILS NOT OFFICIALLY KNOWN, THO WIDESPREAD REPORTS
PUT SETTLEMENT FIGURE AROUND 150 MIL DOLS (HOWARD, JOC).

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5. AUSTRALIA

NC-BASED DUKE POWER CO MAY BEGIN IMPORTING AUSTRALIAN URANIUM TO RUN ITS NUKE-POWERED PLANTS IN CAROLINAS. PENDING RELAXATION GOVT EMBARGO IN FON URANIUM, NUKE-POWER UTILITIES MAY LOOK TO AUSTRALIA TO ASSURE ADEQUATE SOURCE NUKE FUEL SUPPLY (KNIGHT NEWS WIRE, JOC).

6. ASEAN

JOC'S LORENZ (KL) REPORTS PROPOSED RICE AGREEMENT AMONG ASEAN MEMBERS COULD SOON ASSURE COUNTRIES SUFFERING SHORTAGES CERTAIN PRIORITIES IN DIFFICULT TIMES. THAILAND--SOLE RICE EXPORTER IN ASEAN--ENDEAVORING EXPORT 1/3 ANNUAL FON RICE SALES TO NEIGHBORS, W/1977 EXPORTS CONCEIVABLY REACHING 2 MIL TONS.

7. CHINA

SUNS' CORDDRY, IN TAIPEI, REPORTS ROC ANALYSTS ADVISING OWN GOVT THAT US WILL NOT RUSH TO NORMALIZE W/PRC. ANALYSTS BELIEVE WHILE US MAY CONSIDER SEVERAL OPTIONS ON TAIWAN QUESTION, MOST ATTRACTIVE WILL BE STATUS QUO ON TAIWAN W/MORE CONTACT W/PRC SHORT OF FULL RECOGNITION. SAYS CONVICTION IS THAT US CONGRESS/DOMESTIC POLITICS WILL FORCE ADMIN MOVE VERY SLOWLY IN EST DIP RELS W/PRC. CORDDRY SAYS GROC NOW INTERPRETING VANCE'S 6/29 ASIA SPEECH AND ITS FAILURE TO MENTION US/ROC SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AS MERELY ATTEMPT NOT PIQUE PRC, THUS GIVING PRC PRETEXT FOR CANCELLING VANCE VISIT.

TASS ANALYSIS OF RECENT CCP CENTRAL COMMITTE MTG SCORES PRC LEADERSHIP AS "GROPING IN THE DARK" AND SAYS COUNTRY UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL NOT ADVANCE SO LONG AS LEADERS ADHERE TO MAO'S "ANTI-PEOPLE" POLICIES (UPI, CSM).

ALTHO NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED, 11TH CCP CONGRESS APPEARS IMMINENT OR ALREADY UNDERWAY. INDICATIONS INCLUDE GATHERING OF POLITBURO MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER CHINA IN PEKING LAST WEEK/RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES IN PROVINCES. CONGRESS EXPECTED APPROVE PRAGMATIC ORDER/DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOLLOWED SINCE MAO'S DEATH (REUTER PEKING).

COMMERCE DEPT REPORT CITES PROSPECTS FOR FON TRADE W/PRC IMPROVED UNDER HUA GOVT. ALTHO TRADE LEVELS LAGGED IN RECENT YEARS, SEES PRC'S DESIRE FOR INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AS LIKELY STIMULUS FOR INCREASING IMPORTS/PLANTS, ESPECIALLY EQUIPMENT (REUTER, JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. KOREA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) STATE SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI "HAS BEEN GRIPING TO CONFIDANTS" ABOUT ATTY GEN BELL, SAYING BELL TRYING GRAB CREDIT IN ADVANCE FOR ANY SUCCESSES IN KOREAN INVESTIGATIONS.

FLETCHER PROF HENDERSON WRITES NYT IN OPPOSITION TO 8/2 EDIT, WHICH CALLED FOR ADDING ANOTHER 1.8 BIL DOLS IN ARMS FOR SEOUL. URGES WASHINGTON-PYONGYANG TALKS ABOUT REINSTITUTING 1953 ARMISTICE ARMS CONTROL PROVISIONS, WHICH HE OPINES BETTER THAN 3RD/4TH ROUND "MINDLESS PENINSULAR ARMS RACE." ADDS SEOUL MUST UNDERSTAND SUCH TALKS WILL BENEFIT SK/PYONGYANG MUST UNDERSTAND IF NO PROGRESS MADE US WILL RECONSIDER TROOP W/DRAWAL.

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LAT'S MCARTHUR (KL) REMARKS CONF ENDED W/FAR FEWER TANGIBLE RESULTS THAN HAD BEEN HOPED. REVIEWS ISSUES DISCUSSED/ NOTES JAPAN'S PROMISE OF 1 BIL DOLS AID NOT W/O STRINGS ATTACHED.

CSM'S MORITZ (KL) SAYS CONF PRODUCED FEW SURPRISES,

NO ACHIEVEMENTS/BREAKTHROUGHS THAT HAD NOT BEEN EXPECTED/AGREED UPON WELL IN ADVANCE. CITES MAJOR AGREEMENTS WHICH CAME FROM CONF/LAUDS "SYMBOLIC FIRST TIME" ASEANJAPAN-AUSTRALIA-NZ MTG.

10. HUMAN RIGHTS

AUTHOR MICHAEL KLARE, FELLOW AT INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES, VRITES (IN NYT) ABOUT "SOME SIGNIFICANT INCONSISTENCIES" IN PRES' EFFORTS TO ADVANCE HUMAN RIGHTS ABROAD. SEES CARTER'S APPROACH SUGGESTING US SOMEHOW DISCONNECTED FROM "EPIDEMIC OF REPRESSION ABROAD," WHEREAS EVIDENCE SUGGESTS US FIRMS/AGENCIES DEEPLY INVOLVED IN SUPPLY OF REPRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY/TECHNIQUES TO MANY OF WORLD'S MOST AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES.—AND PRES' HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN IS "HOLLOW SHELL" W/O COMMITMENT TO SHUT DOWN THESE SUPPLY LINES.

KLARE RANKS INDONESIA/PHILS/SK/THAIS AMONG WORLD'S 10 WORST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS; OBSERVES THAT BESIDES THEIR "ABYSMAL" HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, THESE COUNTRIES SHARE ANOTHER THING IN COMMON: ALL RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL US MIL/ECON AID. CHRISTOPHER

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